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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE OCCLUSION**

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- (X) 13 sheets of drawings.
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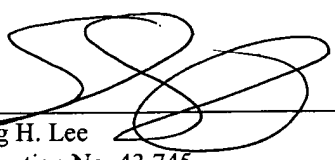
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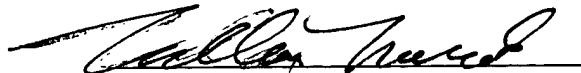
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/435,562, filed on November 11, 1999, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a Restriction Requirement mailed December 11, 2001, Response to Restriction Requirement filed January 10, 2002, an Office Action mailed May 30, 2002, an Amendment filed October 11, 2002, an Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, a Preliminary Amendment filed July 2, 2003, and an Office Action mailed September 5, 2003. U.S. Application No. 09/598,931 has been assigned to Examiner Glenn K. Dawson.

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/033,371, filed on October 19, 2001, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkhahan et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0111647 A1, published August 15, 2002. Also submitted herewith is a Restriction Requirement mailed January 6,

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2003, a Response to Restriction Requirement filed May 5, 2003, an Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, and Amendment filed August 20, 2003. U.S. Application No. 10/033,371 has been assigned to Examiner Glenn K. Dawson.

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/364,910, filed on February 11, 2003, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, filed July 24, 2003. U.S. Application No. 10/364,910 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner.

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/641,818, filed on August 15, 2003, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. U.S. Application No. 10/641,818 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner.


Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/441,492, filed on May 19, 2003, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkahan et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. U.S. Application No. 10/441,492 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner.

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/441,468, filed on May 19, 2003, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkahan et al., a copy of which is submitted herewith. U.S. Application No. 10/441,468 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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